

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

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Date: 6 Sept. 1977

TO: The Director

FROM: [REDACTED]

SUBJECT: Informing Congress of NSA/CIA Pact

REMARKS:

You will recall that last week you reviewed the 40-page NSA/CIA agreement which was signed by Admiral Inman and Mr. Blake. A copy is attached to enable you to review it in more detail. (Incidentally, you asked about an apparent difference between NSA's being designated to head the country team [REDACTED] on page 19 of the agreement, and CIA's being in charge [REDACTED] for the present on page 21 of the agreement. The first reference is to the U.S.-based planning group that sets requirements; the second to our physical [REDACTED]

Les Dirks is scheduled to see you at 1400 today and will be prepared to elaborate on any other questions you may have.

In the meantime, here are three letters for your signature transmitting comments and copies of the agreement to Congress. Dirks' attached memo explains.

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
FROM : Leslie C. Dirks
Deputy Director for Science and Technology
SUBJECT : NSA/CIA Consolidation Plan

1. Attached for your signature are three letters to Congress conveying the detailed implementation documentation of the NSA/CIA consolidation. The Mahon letter is different from the Inouye and McClellan letters as only Mahon received the January 18 bilateral policy agreement sent to the DCI jointly by the Director, NSA and Deputy Director, CIA. Except for a different first paragraph, the two letters going to the Senate committees are identical to the Mahon letter. The FY-78 Conference report notes that Congress is expecting to hear from you on this issue no later than September.

2. As you will note, the letters for your signature use some direct and forceful language. This language reflects my view, which I hope you share, that it is appropriate for Congress to be informed on Intelligence Community organizational issues, but the prerogatives on program implementation and therefore the organizational arrangements for program execution are yours as the responsible senior executive branch official. At one time Mahon's committee or at least some of the committee staff was looking at moving all of the CIA SIGINT Program to NSA in a direct and literal sense. I personally do not believe that view was ever broadly shared in Congress. The more recent appropriations bill language as we discussed last week, is far softer and in my view more appropriate than some of the earlier language. I am convinced that the activities of the past year and the resulting actions flowing out of these joint NSA/CIA studies and deliberations fully meet the intent of Congress. This intent as I have understood it, is to move toward a better integrated and more cost effective SIGINT operation. I think you can fully support measurable progress in both those areas.

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3. Please let me know if you need any further support in putting these packages in final form for transmittal to Congress. As you will note from the cover sheet, this package has been coordinated with the ADD/IC.



Leslie C. Dirks

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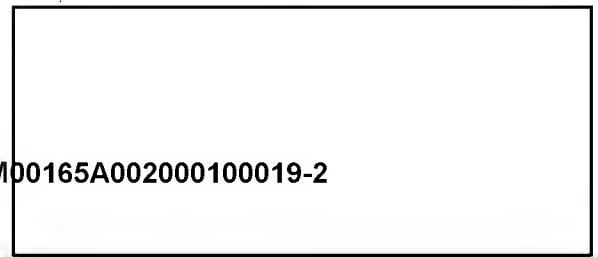
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